



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT  
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

The Special meeting Questions to Directors of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6 p.m.

**Present**

Mayor Robert P. Santangelo and Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Hope Kasper, Carl R. Chisem, Gerald E. Daley, James B. Streeto, Sebastian N. Giuliano, Sandra Russo Driska, Deborah Kleckowski and David Bauer; Sergeant-at-arms Police Chief William McKenna; and Common Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.

**Absent**

Mayor Daniel T. Drew Deputy; Council Members Mary A. Bartolotta and Grady L. Faulkner, Jr.; and Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan.

**Also Present**

Five members of the public and Public Works Director William Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Acting Director of IT Eldon Bailey, Water and Sewer Director Guy Russo, Parking Director Geen Thazhampallath, City Attorney Brig Smith, Deputy Chief of Police Michael Timbro, Acting Parks and Recreation Acting Director Deb Stanley, Tax Assessor Damon Braasch, Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger, Deputy Director of Communications Joseph Kronenberger, Planning, Conservation and Development Director Michiel Wackers, Director of Human Relations Faith Jackson Arts Coordinator Stephan Allison, City and Town Clerk Linda Bettencourt, Emergency Management Director George Dunn, Russell Library Director Arthur Meyers, Youth Services Coordinator Justin Carbonella, Joseph Samolis Administrative Aide to the Mayor

**1. Mayor calls meeting to order.**

**(Pledge of Allegiance)**

The Acting Chair opens the meeting at 6 p.m. and leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)**

The Acting Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

**2. Questions to Directors Opens**

Councilman Bauer states the grant does seem to have a detailed expenditures and how you are going to administer the grant. Other than the outside body that makes this grant and will audit it, are there any elected officials that would have control in the timing and administration of this grant. Mr. Wackers states the two commissions with oversight is EDC and Conservation

Commission given that we are looking at Brownfields, properties that are underutilized by the EDC and we are also looking at the ones best utilized for recreation by the Conservation Commission. Councilman Bauer states not the outcomes, but the actual grant administration and releasing the funds; who controls that. Mr. Wackers responds our department would do the day to day management. The grant is for the Council's consideration. Councilman Bauer asks if the funds would be released on Mr. Wackers' signature. Mr. Wackers responds he is one in addition to those required by the City's procedures. The Finance and Purchasing Departments would have a review as well as the Mayor. Councilman Bauer states things like a consultant might get review like a service contract. Mr. Wackers replies I have a request for proposals drafted and I will submit it for review to Purchasing if it passes. Councilman Bauer asks the other is filing for an application for \$500,000 for 319-339 Main Street and what was the process for deciding on that particular property. Mr. Wackers states they did a Brownfields inventory in 2010 and that consists of 70 properties around downtown and the neighborhoods and that is one of the properties. The timing seems good to look at that property. They went after it because it seems the most positive for near term success. Councilman Bauer asks what oversight is there by elected officials. Mr. Wackers states it will be EDC because they will have oversight of it. Councilman Bauer asks why they chose this property. Mr. Wackers states they were made aware that he had submitted a grant. Councilman Bauer asks who made the decision to focus on this property. Mr. Wackers responds I recommended it and the Mayor concurred as well as the EDC. Councilman Bauer asks if there were any other properties considered for this grant. Mr. Wackers states there are number of properties that they routinely consider; right now there are about five. This was at the top of their list. Many deal with the riverfront but given the large grant that we have for the boathouse we were encouraged to look at other properties for funding in the near term.

**3. Questions to Directors Closes.**

**4. Meeting adjourned.**

Councilman James B. Streeto reads and moves for approval the meeting.. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James B. Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 2 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr.. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

The acting chair adjourns the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK